

MEETING MINUTES
HARBOR & WATERFRONT COMMITTEE, HARPSWELL, MAINE
April 6, 2010

ATTENDING

Harbormaster: Jim Hays

Consultant: Noel Musson, CES Inc.

Committee Members:

Present: George Lee Bradbury, Hank Schwartz, Len Duda, Steve Rowe, Richard Moseley, Bill Bartley

ACTIVITIES

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Minutes for March 16th approved.
3. George handed out packets to use for the harbor inventories / matrix.
4. Noel produced GIS maps of the 15 harbors which he left with Jim.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The next public forum tentatively will be held at the town office. This will be a more specific approach reviewing what is going on with each harbor. A third forum tentatively will be held in July / August.
2. Still need to set the dates for the 2nd and 3rd forums.
3. Continue to work on the Matrix plan: 1) Discussed boat storage at Mackerel Cove. The problem is that many boats are stored outside the designated storage area. Noel thought this issue should be addressed in the Harbor Plan. 2) The area of the Pott's Harbor map was expanded. 3) A future issue that has to be addressed is; who will be able to manipulate data from an inventory perspective? 4) So much data is available. Maps showing access, marine / clam resources, pump-outs, and additional layers need to be defined. 5) A Small Harbors Grant may be available. 6) Meet weekly to start reviewing three harbors per meeting. 7) Need to identify areas of conflict, such as power boats versus kayaks, land use versus water use (Mackerel Cove), access, overboard septic systems, etc..

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim has been asked to start a Harbormaster column in the Harpswell Anchor.
2. Noel up-dates: We discussed the inventory for Brickyard Cove and Potts Harbor, and started to fill in the matrix questions.
3. Need to start thinking about another article for the May Harpswell Anchor.
4. Try to meet with as many other committees as possible.
5. Discussion on Orr's Island Bridge requested by Terri Sawyer. Six questions in Terri's email:
 - 1) Suitable for families of lobstermen and wharf builders that continue in the businesses. 2) Not suitable for recreational use. There is limited parking and upkeep is questionable. 3) We would still have similar parking and dingy issues that we have a Pott's Point Dock. 4) No to the Lottery idea. 5) Probably the land should remain vacant when the existing lease ceases. 6) There is no good parking, and an occasional accident when people pull out onto the main road.

NEXT MEETING(S)

April 12th, 2010

Will meet every Tuesday until the Harbor Management Plan is complete.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:30 PM